

WEATHER: Rain Sunday; much colder with a cold wave by night; Monday fair and cold.

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Gov. Vardaman Again Sends Saucy Message



GOVERNOR VARDEMAN, OF MISSISSIPPI.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The expected has happened. Governor Vardaman, chief executive of the state of Mississippi has replied to an invitation extended by one of the sub-committees of the inaugural committee, which requested him to send to Washington for participation in the inaugural parade a delegation of high school students for his commonwealth.

He indicates that he will have nothing to do with the inauguration and will not send a delegation of high school students or any other delegation to the show March 4. He says many other things, it is understood.

SENATE EXAMINED FOUR PENSACOLA WITNESSES

Some Sharp Tilts Between House Managers and Counsel of Judge Swayne Over Admission of Certain Evidence--Witnesses Testify as to Board Bills and Place of Residence.

BY PERCY S. HAYES.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Only two hours were devoted to the Swayne case to-day and but four witnesses were examined. They were A. H. D'Alemberte, Judge J. Emmett Wolfe, Prof. Harry E. Graham and Postmaster W. H. Northup.

A. H. D'Alemberte testified regarding Judge Swayne's alleged purchase of property which was in litigation in his court, and the witness was subjected to sharp cross-questioning. Mr. D'Alemberte was tax-collector at the time at which Judge Swayne is alleged to have purchased the property.

Prof. H. E. Graham and Captain Northup testified as to the amount of board paid by Judge Swayne. Prof. Graham having formerly been book-keeper at Hotel Escambia where the judge boarded a portion of the time. Judge Swayne had also boarded at Capt. Northup's home.

Some very sharp tilts occurred dur-

ing the hearing between ex-Senator Higgins, attorney for Judge Swayne, and Representative Palmer, one of the house managers for the prosecution. These legal passages at arms proved highly interesting to probably five thousand people who filled the galleries of the chamber.

The witnesses were also called upon to testify for the purpose of showing that Judge Swayne had not acquired a residence in the Pensacola district up to 1900.

In the testimony of the first witness, Mr. D'Alemberte, the counsel for Judge Swayne excepted to many questions asked by the house managers as to the judge's residence, and contended that the residence could be shown by Judge Swayne and family and not by drawing out the opinions of witnesses. The chair excluded all questions intended to bring out opinions on residence.

The question of the right of the house managers to object to questions

put witnesses by senators was raised, and the presiding officer ruled that objections might be stated. Precedents were quoted to the effect that while questions by senators should be admitted, counsel could properly object to the admissibility of the replies.

The Pensacola delegation. The Pensacola delegation composed of about thirty persons spent the afternoon in the ante-room and notwithstanding the very cold weather the time was passed very pleasantly. Only a few strangers have as yet appeared as witnesses.

Congressman W. B. Lamar and Capt. J. Ed O'Brien were circulating among the Pensacolians endeavoring to see that the time did not drag and they made themselves very agreeable. Congressman Lamar has extended an invitation to all Floridians to be his guests at a luncheon to be concluded before 2 o'clock when the senate convenes Monday.

REWARD OFFERED FOR T. HOLMES

\$50 WILL BE PAID FOR ARREST OF MAN ACCUSED OF EM-BEZZLING FROM TERMINAL COMPANY.

Chief Schad last night offered a reward for the arrest of T. Holmes, who is charged with having embezzled the sum of \$625 from the Pensacola Terminal company some time since and departing for parts unknown.

Absolutely no trace of the man has been found. All that is known is that he purchased a ticket for New Orleans and afterwards left Pensacola in the Montgomery sleeper. Telegrams have been sent to all the principal cities and, unless he has already left the country, it is possible that he will yet be captured.

STEAMER TARPON NOW IN PORT

ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE TIME LAST NIGHT WITH FAIR CARGO AND GOOD PASSENGER LIST.

The steamer Tarpon, of the Pensacola and Apalachicola line, reached port on schedule time with a good sized cargo, consisting principally of naval stores, and a good passenger list. Captain Barrow reported that the vessel had encountered no bad weather to speak of since leaving port and expressed surprise that a rumor should have been circulated that the vessel had foundered.

Regarding the sinking of the Barge Ida by the Tarpon as she was leaving port on the last trip to Apalachicola Captain Barrow said that the barge was towing at the end of a bawser from the stern of a large vessel that had been taking a cargo of lumber. The barge carried no lights and was not visible from the Tarpon until the steamer was within half a length of the vessel. The engines were immediately stopped and reversed but although the speed of the Tarpon was very slow it had been impossible to prevent the collision. The force of the collision was slight and did no damage whatever to the Tarpon.

ATTEMPT TO BURN GRAND STAND AT HOT SPRINGS TRACK.

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 11.—What is regarded as an attempt to destroy the grand stand and adjoining buildings at the racing place occurred to-day. A part of the lower floor of the grand stand was in flames when discovered by a watchman and the floor was found to be saturated with oil. The structure was not seriously damaged.

DEATH AT FLOMATON OF MRS. WM. MASHBURN.

Floamat, Ala., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Wm. Mashburn died at this place Thursday, aged 45 years.

Mrs. Mashburn was a woman of many sterling qualities kind and gentle to all. She will be greatly missed by her host of friends whom she had drawn around her. She leaves a devoted husband and several children to mourn her loss, and to whom the deepest sympathy is given.

She was laid to rest Friday afternoon in Floamat, where she resided, the funeral being attended by a host of sorrowing friends who came to pay their last respects to one who had been a dear and loving friend to them.

Slocum Disaster Results In Rigid Regulations

Washington, Feb. 11.—As an outgrowth of the investigation of the steamer Slocum disaster of last year, the house to-day passed a number of bills called up by Mr. Grosvenor, chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, amending the laws on steamboat inspection and making a more rigid provision for the regulation and control of steam vessels.

Several amendments recommended by the department of commerce and labor, came from the senate to the house and were reported on favorably. The house also passed a bill relating to the naval academy three cadets who had been dismissed for hazing. The house then adjourned.

Carnegie Will Testify Against Mrs. Chadwick

New York, Feb. 11.—Andrew Carnegie announced to-day that he would go to Cleveland to testify against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who is under arrest charged with obtaining large sums of money on alleged securities bearing Mr. Carnegie's name. He alleges that the signatures are forged. Mr. Carnegie's announcement was made after a subpoena ordering him to appear in court at Cleveland on March 6 had been served upon him.

Roosevelt's Cabinet All Tender Resignations

Washington, Feb. 11.—The following statement was given out from the White House to-day: All the members of the cabinet have tendered their resignations and on March 6 will be nominated for re-

Dealing in Futures a Penitentiary Offense

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator Clay has introduced an amendment to the appropriation bill declaring "options" and "futures" to be in restraint of trade, and making the dealing in same a misdemeanor punishable by fine of not less than \$1,000 and imprisonment of from one to three years.

GRAND LAGOON TEEMS WITH DUCKS

IMMENSE NUMBERS NOW TO BE FOUND IN VICINITY OF MOUTH OF BRENT'S DITCH.

A man employed on the Brent ditch, which empties into the head of Grand Lagoon, says that immense flocks of ducks are to be found around the head of the lagoon, some of the flocks numbering thousands. There has been little hunting in that vicinity recently and as a consequence the birds are easily approached.

During the first part of the season a number of ducks were shot not far from the mouth of the lagoon by sportsmen from the city, but there has been little, if any, hunting for several weeks.

FREIGHT TRAIN CONDUCTOR KILLED IN NORTHERN ALABAMA.

Jasper, Feb. 11.—Fred Humphreyville, a conductor on a Northern Alabama freight train, was caught between two cars near Calumet this morning at 11 o'clock and instantly killed.

He was making a coupling when the horrible accident occurred. Deceased was about thirty years of age and was only recently married to a popular young lady in North Alabama. The remains were taken to Sheffield this afternoon for burial.

Will Write Opera For Famous Singer



REGINALD DE KOVAN.

Madame Schumann-Hutke, the famous Teuton grand opera singer, who has always hitherto sung German music, recently announced that she had decided to sing an American opera, and Mr. Reginald De Kovan, who has risen from a Chicago bank clerkship to the position of the foremost musical composer in America, has been selected to write the new work.

SEN. MITCHELL'S PARTNER CONFESSES TO PERJURY

Swore Falsely When Giving Testimony Before Grand Jury in Government Land Fraud Cases.

WASHINGTON SEES THE PRESIDENT

FAMOUS COLORED EDUCATOR CONFERS WITH ROOSEVELT ABOUT SEVERAL FEDERAL APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Booker T. Washington has had a long conference with the president with special reference to the positions in the federal service now held by negroes. There are four good places held by colored men that are much desired by others if changes are to be made. The best of these is register of the treasury, held by Judson W. Lyons. Lyons has a greater political pull than any colored leader. He is the national committeeman from Georgia, a creditable man, good official and first rate speaker. He has, however, held his office for going on eight years. Shortly after President McKinley came into office he displaced Tillman, of Tennessee, and gave the registership to B. K. Bruce, colored, of Mississippi. Bruce had not been in office many years before he died and Lyons succeeded to the place. John C. Daney, recorder of deeds of the district, has been in office about three years. He displaced Cheatham, of North Carolina. There are a number of prominent colored men after Daney's place. William F. Powell, the United States minister to Hayti, has held his place for a good many years, while Ernest Lyon, the United States minister to Liberia, has held his place four years.

Other Indictments. Portland, Oregon, Feb. 11.—The federal grand jury to-day indicted Congressman J. N. Williams, his business partner, H. A. Van Goser, and Land Commissioner A. R. Biggs, for conspiracy in the land frauds.

In his confession, Judge Tanner said that a business agreement existed between Senator Mitchell and himself by which the former was to have the proceeds of their law practice in the federal court and that Mitchell would not take part in any case in which the government was interested.

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JAPANESE FORTIFYING SOUTH OF SANDEPAS AND ALONG RIGHT BANK OF HUN RIVER.

NOGI ON RUSSIAN RIGHT.

Mukden, Feb. 11.—During the last few days the movement of large bodies of Japanese has been observed on the Russian right where the presence of General Nogai's army has been definitely ascertained. The Japanese are fortifying several points south of Sandepas, and also several districts on the right bank of the Hun River.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—A disastrous fire was started from a defectively insulated electric light wire to-day, and caused a loss of \$600,000 to the General Electric Company's building.

NEW YORK THEATRE AND APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

Chorus Girls at Casino Theatre Rehearsal Attempt Stampede When Fire Is Discovered

150 PERSONS RUSH FROM HOUSE

Six Firemen Are Overcome by Gas from Broken Pipes.

POLICEMAN MADE HEROIC RESCUE OF LITTLE GIRLS WHO HAD BEEN CUT OFF BY FLAMES AND WHOSE CRIES WERE HEARD BY ASSEMBLED MULTITUDE.

New York, Feb. 11.—While the Lady Thistle Company was rehearsing at the Casino theatre to-day the building caught fire and was damaged to the extent of \$30,000. When the fire was discovered, the chorus girls started for the street in a rush, but the stage manager blocked the way and prevented a stampede. The stage carpenter and two of the company only were injured.

The fire started in the usher's room and the stage manager coolly informed the company after the rehearsal was over and told them to leave by the stage entrance instead of the main doorway. The employees lowered fire curtains and removed the scenery to the street.

Apartment House Fire. New York, Feb. 11.—While a score of engineers were pouring water on the flames of the Casino theatre this afternoon, another fire, which started in the double five-story apartment building at Thirty-eighth street, less than two blocks away, endangered the lives of many persons and threatened to destroy a great amount of surrounding property.

Sweeping through the apartment house the flames sent 150 occupants

STALLING SAYS COMER THE MAN

PREDICTS PRESENT HEAD OF ALABAMA'S RAILROAD COMMISSION WILL BE NEXT GOVERNOR.

Huntsville, Ala., Feb. 11.—Col. Jesse Stalling, one of the most prominent congressmen that ever graced the halls of the national legislature, was in Huntsville yesterday. In commenting upon the probable future governorship of Alabama, Colonel Stalling said that while it is a little early to figure along this line yet, he said, "you may expect a heated race." He gave it as his opinion that Captain Comer, Alabama's railroad commissioner, will be the man to beat. It was intimated by some of Colonel Stalling's friends that he would probably make the race for governor. Colonel Stalling had departed then, and it was too late to have him deny or verify the rumor.

scurrying in the street without a chance to save their personal belongings.

All of the occupants escaped with the exception of a little girl who was cut off on one of the upper floors by the rush of the flames. Her cries for help brought a policeman who dashed into the burning building and carried her down the stairs through the smoke and flames.

Both the officer and the child were slightly burned, but the injuries they sustained were not serious. The only other injuries sustained were by six firemen who were overcome by illuminating gas which came from a broken pipe. They recovered quickly, however, and proceeded with their work. The loss is about \$22,000.